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TAGS: SOPN (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS REPORTAGE, MORNING, THURSDAY,
AUGUST 5, 1976

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WIRES:

1. REUTER (NO BYLINE): KISSINGER CALLED ON CALLAGHAN
,"MAINLY TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICA." MAIN TOPICS:
RHODESIA AND SPECIAL FUND TO CUSHION WHITES AGAINST
PROPERTY LOSS. US RECOGNIZES BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER
RHODESIA AND MAKES POINT OF CONSULTING WITH BRITISH ON
EFFORTS. BUT KISSINGER BELIEVES CHANCES FOR SETTLEMENT
ARE SMALL.

THOUGH US THINKS WHITES SHOULD REMAIN IT RECOGNIZES CERTAINTY
OF AT LEAST SOME LOSS OF PROPERTY. OFFICIALS DECLINED
TO GIVE DETAILS OF FUND, SAYING MUCH WORK SITLL NEEDED TO
BE DONE.

ON NAMIBIA, US FEARS SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. US
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MIGHT BLOCK IMPOSITION OF ANY US RESTRAINTS IF IT BELIEVED
SOUTH AFRICANS WERE TAKING GENUINE STEPS.

OFFICIALS RULED OUT VORSTER MEETING ON THIS TRIP.

2. AP (FREED): KISSINGER AND CALLAGHAN MET FOR TWO AND A HALF HOURS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY.

TRAVELLING REPORTERS GOT IMPRESSION THAT THOUGH KISSINGER SEES "LITTLE CHANCE OF HEADING OFF WAR IN RHODESIA ... THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT." ALSO DOUBTFUL ON NAMIBIA.

US AND UK ARE CONSIDERING UP TO \$.5 BILLION FUND TO COMPENSATE RHODESIAN WHITES FOR PROPERTY.

KISSINGER IS LEANING TOWARD SENDING SCHAUFELLE TO MEET WITH VORSTER. ANOTHER KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING MUST AWAIT PROGRESS ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

KISSINGER HOPES FOR ENOUGH PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA TO HEAD OFF UNGA SANCTIONS. US RESPONSE TO DEMAND FOR SANCTIONS IS NOT DECIDED.

3. UPI (DANILOFF): AFTER KISSINGER-CALLAGHAN MEETING, SPOKESMEN FOR BOTH EMPHASIZED NEED FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. FUNSETH SAID THEY DISCUSSED KISSINGER'S NEW AFRICA POLICY AND THE BRITISH POLICY DECLARATION WHICH CALLED FOR MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA.

OFFICIALS SAID THAT KISSINGER WAS CONSIDERING SECOND VORSTER MEETING BUT WAS MORE LIKELY TO SEND SCHAUFELLE.

NEWSPAPERS:

1. NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN): REPORTERS ON PLANE WERE TOLD THAT KISSINGER IS CONSIDERING ANOTHER TRIP TO AFRICA LATER THIS MONTH IN INTENSIFIED EFFORT TO GET RHODESIA SOLUTION. HE ALSO MIGHT MEET AGAIN WITH VORSTER EITHER IN EUROPE OR IN SOUTH AFRICA. ALL DEPENDS ON PROGRESS OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO END MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. KISSINGER IS UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING WITH CROSSLAND ON AFRICAN SITUATION. HIS FEAR IS THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

NOTHING YET FROM TRAVELLING BROADCASTERS.

OTHER PRESS ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. BERNARD KALB, FIRST LINE REPORT, CBS RADIO NEWS:

"WE BEGIN WITH A QUIZ. WHERE IS HENRY KISSINGER TODAY? ANSWER: OVERSEAS. CERTAINLY - BUT WHERE OVERSEAS? ANGOLA? UGANDA? TIBET? WRONG, WRONG, WRONG. THE CORRECT ANSWER IS LONDON - OR HAS HE ALREADY LEFT LONDON EN ROUTE

TO IRAN? 'IRAN,' YOU SAY, 'WHAT IS GOING ON IN IRAN?'
WELL, NOW, IF YOU DON'T THINK IRAN IS URGENT, HOW ABOUT
AFGHANISTAN? AFGHANISTAN IS WHERE HE IS GOING AFTER IRAN,
AND, AFTER AFGHANISTAN, HE GOES TO PAKISTAN. WELL, NOW,
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PERFECT COVER STORY FOR SOME SECRET
DIPLOMATIC CARRYINGS-ON, BUT NO, THERE'S NOTHING TO THAT
THEORY. SECRET DIPLOMATIC CARRYINGS-ON CAN BE RISKY,
AND RISKS ARE SELDOM TAKEN DURING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
YEARS.

"THE ITINERARY SO FAR CERTAINLY LACKS ANY SEXY DIPLOMATIC
QUALITY, BUT THERE WAS A SCINTILLA OF INTEREST STIRRED
AMONG THE PRESS CORPS WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSED
THAT KISSINGER, ON THE WAY HOME, WOULD BE MAKING A PRIVATE
VISIT TO FRANCE. 'WHERE IN FRANCE?' WAS THE QUESTION.
WELL, THE DEPARTMENT MANAGED TO LEND A TOUCH OF EXCITEMENT
TO THE ITINERARY BY DECLINING AT FIRST TO SAY JUST WHERE
KISSINGER WOULD BE GOING. BUT A LITTLE REPORTORIAL
PRODDING PRODUCED THE DISCLOSURE THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD
BE DROPPING IN ON THE POSH RESORT OF DEAUVILLE - HARDLY
A HOTBED OF DIPLOMACY, AND SOME REPORTERS WERE SORRY THEY
ASKED. IT TOOK THE ONE ELEMENT OF MYSTERY OUT OF THE
ITINERARY.

"WELL, AFTER DEAUVILLE, STILL ONE MORE STOP: THE SECRETARY
WILL BE VISITING THE HAGUE, FOR TALKS WITH THE FOREIGN
MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS - HARDLY ANY URGENCY THERE.

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"IN OTHER WORDS, THIS JOURNEY OVERSEAS IS NOT ONE DESIGNED
TO KEEP KISSINGER IN THE CENTER OF THE PRESS. IN FACT,
KISSINGER IS PRIVATELY BEING DESCRIBED AS HAVING PERFECTED
A NEW 'DISAPPEARING ACT,' WHICH, FOR ANYONE WITH
THE SECRETARY'S WELL-ADVERTISED EGO, REQUIRES IMMENSE SELF-
DISCIPLINE. KISSINGER, THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS EXTROVERT,
IN SEARCH OF INVISIBILITY' BEHIND THE UNOFFICIAL SPEC-
ULATION IN WASHINGTON THAT THIS LOW-KEY JOURNEY
ACCOMMODATES THE NEEDS OF THE SECRETARY AND OF HIS BOSS,
THE THINKING BEING THAT WHILE KISSINGER ENJOYS TRAVELING,
GERALD FORD WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE SPOTLIGHT GET OFF HIS
SECRETARY, WHO IS NOT HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY MR. FORD'S
POLITICAL OPPONENT, RONALD REAGAN. KISSINGER'S FLYING OFF

INTO THE UN-HEADLINED WILD BLUE YONDER CONTRASTS VIVIDLY
WITH THE WAY RICHARD NIXON EXPLOITED KISSINGER DURING
THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN 1972. THE SECOND NIGHT OF
THAT CONVENTION, KISSINGER'S FACE POPPED UP ON A GOP FILM
IN WHICH KISSINGER EXTOLLED MR. NIXON. 'THERE'S A CERTAIN
- YOU KNOW, IT'S A BIG WORD, BUT IT'S A CERTAIN HEROIC
QUALITY ABOUT HOW HE CONDUCTS HIS BUSINESS,' KISSINGER SAID.
'I BELIEVE THAT HIS IMPACT ON FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE

HISTORIC, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. HE HAS PROVIDED ONE OF THE BIG WATERSHEDS IN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL HISTORY.' IN 1976, WITH A REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS MONTH, THE WORD AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS AS YET MADE NO DECISION ON WHETHER HE'LL BE IN KANSAS CITY WHEN THE REPUBLICANS ASSEMBLE TO NOMINATE THEIR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. ONCE THE CONVENTION IS OVER, AND ASSUMING MR. FORD WINS THE NOMINATION, IT MAY VERY WELL BE THAT KISSINGER WILL STEP FORTH FRONT AND CENTER ONCE AGAIN, IN THE MIDST OF DIPLOMATIC HEADLINES. FOR A MAN WITH KISSINGER'S DIPLOMATIC ENERGY AND ENDLESS WANDERLUST, THERE'S A WHOLE WORLD OUT THERE, AND NOW THAT VIKING HAS LANDED ON MARS, WELL, THE POSSIBILITIES FOR TRAVEL ARE INFINITE."

2. JIM BOHANNON, WTOP RADIO:

"DR. KISSINGER'S DIPLOMACY TAKES WING AGAIN THIS MORNING, AS HE LEAVES LONDON IN ABOUT 25 MINUTES, AFTER A BREAKFAST UNCLASSIFIED

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TALK WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN. THAT AGENDA WAS REPORTEDLY SPRINKLED WITH GENEROUS HELPINGS OF THE MIDDLE EAST, RHODESIA, AND NAMIBIA. THE LATTER TWO AFRICAN PROBLEMS MAY GET ANOTHER GOING-OVER AS WELL. KISSINGER IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, AND PAKISTAN, BUT HE JUST MIGHT ALSO FIND ROOM SOMEWHERE IN THERE TO SQUEEZE IN TALKS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER. THERE'S NOTHING OFFICIAL ON THAT, BUT YESTERDAY KISSINGER DID MANAGE TO VISIT WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR HANS BOTHA, AND THAT'S WHERE THE SPECULATION IS COMING FROM. DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS SAY THAT IF SUCH A MEETING IS HELD, IT MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN EUROPE OR AFRICA."

3. BARRY SCHWEID, WTOP RADIO:

"SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS THE TARGET OF A SUIT CLAIMING SEX DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS. FILED IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT IN WASHINGTON, IT CLAIMS THE 300 OR SO WOMEN AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE SIDETRACKED TO MINOR JOBS AND ASSIGNMENTS THROUGH THEIR CAREERS. THE CLASS ACTION SUIT, BASED ON BOTH THE

CONSTITUTION AND FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, IS ASKING FOR CORRECTIVE PROMOTIONS AND BACK PAY. KISSINGER HAS SIXTY DAYS TO RESPOND OR TO MOVE FOR DISMISSAL OF THE SUIT."

4. JIM BOHANNON AND BARRY SCHWEID, WTOP RADIO:

"ONE YEAR AGO, PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER HEADS OF STATE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IN HELSINKI DESIGNED TO IMPROVE HUMAN CONTACT BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST, AND TO EASE

TENSIONS. CORRESPONDENT BARRY SCHWEID REPORTS ON HOW THE US STATE DEPARTMENT IS EVALUATING RUSSIAN COMPLIANCE WITH THAT AGREEMENT:

SCHWEID: "ASSESSING THE RUSSIANS A YEAR AFTER HELSINKI, THE STATE DEPARTMENT GIVES THEM GOOD MARKS ON TROOP MANEUVERS, BUT A FAILING GRADE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

"THE RUSSIANS HAVE INVITED NATO OBSERVERS TO THE MANEUVERS AND ARE EASING UP A BIT ON EMIGRATION. HOWEVER,THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPARTMENT SAYS THERE IS BUT LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALLOWING NEWS ABOUT THE WEST TO REACH EASTERN EARS. THE HARD-FOUGHT AND CONTROVERSIAL HELSINKI AGREEMENT, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT FORD AND THE HEADS OF 34 OTHER STATES, WAS DESIGNED TO EASE TENSIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. IN ITS ASSESSMENT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS THAT IT NEVER EXPECTED FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES OVERNIGHT; RATHER, THE UNITED STATES KNEW IT WOULD HAVE TO BE PATIENT."

5. DALLAS TOWNSEND AND BRUNO WASSERTHEIL, CBS WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP:

"THE CUBAN PRESENCE IS NOW REPORTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST TURMOIL. WE'LL HEAR ABOUT IT FROM BRUNO WASSERTHEIL IN TEL AVIV.

"AN ISRAELI NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT TWO HUNDRED CUBANS HAVE ARRIVED IN IRAQ AND ARE TRAINING PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS IN SABOTAGE AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. THE INDEPENDENT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY, JERUSALEM POST, SAYS THE CUBANS HAVE SET UP AN INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE SPLINTER PALESTINE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE ARAB LIBERATION FRONT, WHICH ENJOYS FULL IRAQI SUPPORT. THE DISPATCH FROM THE NEWSPAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SAYS THE CUBANS MAY BE GETTING THE PALESTINIANS READY FOR OPERATION IN LEBANON AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN-SYRIAN ALIGNMENT. THE BAGHDAD GOVERNMENT'S SYMPATHIES IN THE LEBANESE CONFLICT OPENLY LIE WITH THE PLO AND LEFTIST MOSLEM FACTIONS.

"ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TODAY RELEASED A GREEK FREIGHTER THAT HAD DRIFTED INTO ISRAELI WATERS LAST MONTH, BUT CONFISCATED ITS CARGO OF SEVERAL HUNDRED TONS OF AMMUNITION THAT HAD BEEN DESTINED FOR MOSLEM AND PLO FORCES IN LEBANON."

6. BARRY SERAFIN AND BRUCE DUNNINGS, CBS-TV MORNING NEWS:

"THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CHARGES ABOUT BULLETS EXCHANGED OVER THE YEARS ACROSS THE FORMOSA STRAIT, BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT CALL THEMSELVES THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHINA.

AND OVER THE YEARS, A LOT OF COUNTRIES HAVE SHIFTED TO
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THEIR DIPLOMATIC ALLEGIANCE FROM ONE OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS
TO THE OTHER.

... "NATIONALIST CHINESE LEADERS EXHORT THEIR SIXTEEN
MILLION PEOPLE TO WORK HARD AND BE SELF-RELIANT; TO BE
PREPARED TO STAND ALONE IN AN UNFRIENDLY WORLD. BUT THEY
SEE THE GROWING AMERICAN INVESTMENT AS MAKING TIES BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND NATIONLIST CHINA TOUGHER AND TOUGHER
TO CUT WITHOUT CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED PLANS THAT WOULD
GUARANTEE THEIR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST FALLING
UNDER PEKING'S CONTROL."

7. DALLAS TOWNSEND, CBS RADIO, 10:00 AM NEWS:

"SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER CONFERRED WITH BRITISH
PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN ON THE RACIAL PROBLEMS OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE CHANCES FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.
AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN LONDON SAYS KISSINGER AND CALLAGHAN
CONCENTRATED ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH
AFRICA AND RHODESIA. IN BOTH GOVERNMENTS, BLACKS HOPE
TO WIN CONTROL FROM WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENTS.

"AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, KISSINGER
LEFT LONDON FOR IRAN AND TALKS WITH THE SHAH."

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